Safer learning with Google for Education

Schools and families can rest assured that students are learning in a safe online environment free from ads, spam, or cyberthreats. Google Workspace for Education and Chromebooks provide the same enterprise-grade security that protects the data of billions who use Google products every day. They enable safe digital learning without additional administrative burden.

Google Workspace for Education and Chromebook products are secure by default, private by design and put schools in control.

How does Google for Education protect school data?

All Google products are secure by default and continuously protected by end-to-end processes that automatically detect and prevent online threats. Tools similar to those that block 99.9% of spam emails in Gmail – over 100 million each day keep sensitive data safe and support compliance with major international security and privacy standards.

Google encrypts data at rest, and in transit. We protect data with multiple layers of security, and Google data centers use Google-designed hardware and systems optimized for security and performance. The result? Data is secured at every point, which enables us to recognize, respond, and rapidly remediate threats. In fact, there have been no reported ransomware attacks ever on any business, education, or consumer Chrome OS device.

Does Google use data from schools?

Schools own their data
Schools own the data they put into Google Workspace for Education, retain full rights over their intellectual property, and can set rules and permissions for how and when someone in their school community can access or download data or documents. Google does not own or sell any customer data contained in Google Workspace for Education Core Services. We protect this data with strict security protocols and provide full transparency and comprehensive privacy policies with strict security protocols, full transparency, and comprehensive privacy policies.

Transparency schools can trust
Google is committed to transparency regarding data collection policies and practices. The Google Workspace for Education Privacy Notice and Google Workspace Terms of Service explain our commitments to protect your school data.

No ads in Google Workspace for Education core services
We don’t sell Google Workspace for Education customer data to third parties, and we do not share customer data placed in our systems with third parties, unless specifically requested by the data owner, under circumstances described in the Google Workspace for Education Privacy Notice, or as required by law.
Can I use Google Workspace for Education in compliance with legal standards?

Google complies with numerous third-party audits regarding our security and privacy standards, and we support our customers’ compliance with rigorous rules including FERPA, COPPA, and GDPR. For a complete list of global compliance standards, visit our Cloud Compliance & Regulations Resources center.

Can admins manage and secure school domains?

We make it easy for administrators to maintain domains with tools to help monitor and manage data security, offer enhanced control, and increase visibility. Built-in, automated protections provide 24/7 monitoring, encryption, and security alerts.

Administrators can easily access the security center to prevent, detect, and remediate security threats and stay updated with real-time alerts and act immediately if an incident occurs.

Chrome Education Upgrade centralizes Chromebook fleet management and unlocks the full capabilities of Chrome OS, including access controls and advanced built-in security for Chrome devices.

How do Google products protect younger students?

Built-in default settings protect students designated as under the age of 18 by enabling admins to set access to some services based on age. Google Search uses SafeSearch which helps block explicitly inappropriate results, and Safe Sites, which helps prevent students visiting websites deemed unsafe. In addition, YouTube content and services are restricted for users designated as under 18. Identity and permissions controls enable admins to manage content restrictions at the district, school, class, and individual student level.

How can parents or guardians help their children be safer online?

Enterprise-grade privacy and security is built in to the very foundation of Google for Education. For guardians and families, we also offer a range of resources to help understand and secure their child’s digital learning environment, including our:

- Guardian’s Guide to Privacy & Security: An overview of how Google for Education tools interact to provide safer learning
- Be Internet Awesome Family Guide: Includes resources to learn about online safety and digital citizenship at home
- Tech Toolkit for Families and Guardians: A brief video explaining how Google for Education protects security with built-in protections
- Digital Wellbeing Family Guide: Conversation starters for tough tech questions and help navigating the digital world as a family
- Family Link: An app that enables guardians to set screen time, find quality content, and build healthy digital habits
- Family Safety Center: Expert and educator tips for managing technology for your family
- Families.google: Resource hub for raising digitally responsible children

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